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NOVELIST ZHIRINOVSKY ADVOCATES CLOSURE OF BORDERS. Liberal Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky attacked the Yeltsin administration at a 16 February news conference, saying it had destroyed the country, Russian TV reported. He suggested sealing Russia's borders for five to 10 years to prevent the Baltic States and countries in the south from capitalizing on the country's natural wealth. Zhirinovsky also proposed the expulsion of all ethnic Chinese and Japanese from the Russian Far East. Claiming the army is the only reasonable center of power in the country, he added that holding parliamentary or presidential elections in Russia would be superfluous. Later that day, Zhirinovsky celebrated the release of his novel, titled Last Train North. The book includes a preface in which the author suggests that many Russian politicians, including former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, his liberal adviser Aleksandr Yakovlev, as well as Yeltsin and his entire team, be sent to the sites of the former Stalinist camps. -- Julia Wishnevsky, OMRI, Inc.